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Area9 Hospital Specialty Rankings

Each year, U.S. News & World Report magazine ranks the best 50 hospitals in the country by specialty using a unique approach: rather than focus on routine care, the magazine attempts to identify the hospitals that are best for people who truly need outstanding care.

Only one Inland Empire hospital or medical center made the 2008 U.S. News Report list — Loma Linda University Medical Center

ranked 45th nationally in Ear, Nose & Throat — but that doesn't mean Inland residents can't access the best of the best. Below are the rankings for the hospitals and medical centers in Southern California that made the list, as well as each nominee's rank nationally.

Note the preponderance of university-related teaching hospitals on the list. As UC Riverside pursues a medical school, it seems likely that such an institution could improve the quality of care in our region.

For information on methodology, visit:

<http://health.usnews.com/articles/health/best-hospitals/2008/07/10/a-look-inside-the-hospital-rankings.html>.

Cancer

UCLA Medical Center (10)
City of Hope (22)
UCSD Medical Center (43)
USC Medical Center (45)

Ear, Nose & Throat

UCLA Medical Center (9)
Loma Linda (45)
UCSD Medical Center (47)

Endocrinology

UCLA Medical Center (12)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (19)

Gastrointestinal Disorders

UCLA Medical Center (5)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (8)

Geriatrics

UCLA Medical Center (1)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (28)
UCI Medical Center (40)

Gynecology

UCLA Medical Center (10)
UCI Medical Center (30)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (32)
UCSD Medical Center (37)
USC University Medical Center (35)

Heart and Heart Surgery

UCLA Medical Center (10)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (15)
Scripps Memorial (30)

Kidney Disease

UCLA Medical Center (7)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (27)
UCSD Medical Center (35)

Neurology and

Neurosurgery

UCLA Medical Center (7)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (17)
USC University Medical Center (49)

Ophthalmology

UCLA Medical Center (7)
USC University Medical Center (7)

Orthopedics

UCLA Medical Center (16)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (24)
St. Joseph's/Orange (50)
Psychiatry
UCLA Medical Center (5)
UCSD Medical center (21)

Rehabilitation

Rancho Los Amigos National
Rehabilitation Center (16)

Respiratory Disorders

UCSD Medical Center (6)
UCLA Medical Center (17)
Cedars-Sinai Medical Center (21)

Rheumatology

UCLA Medical Center (5)
UCSD Medical Center (16)

Urology

UCLA Medical Center (4)
UCI Medical Center (18)
City of Hope (23)
UCSD Medical Center (38)

Area9 Children's Hospitals

Children's Hospital Los Angeles

General Pediatrics (9)
Cancer (9)

Digestive Disorders (24)
Heart and Heart Surgery (11)
Neonatal (21)

Neurology and Neurosurgery (13)
Respiratory (11)

Mattel Children's Hospital/UCLA

General Pediatrics (16)
Cancer (18)

Digestive Disorders (10)
Heart and Heart Surgery (20)
Neurology and Neurosurgery (14)

Rady's Children's Hospital (San Diego)

Neonatal (28)

Source: US News and World Report